Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Children are the most important resource in the great state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Every year, on the ninth day of the ninth month at 9:09 a.m., International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day is observed; and,

Whereas, The date and time of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day is used to remind women not to drink alcohol during the nine months of pregnancy; and,

Whereas, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders cover a wide range of effects which can occur in people born to mothers who drank alcohol during pregnancy; and,

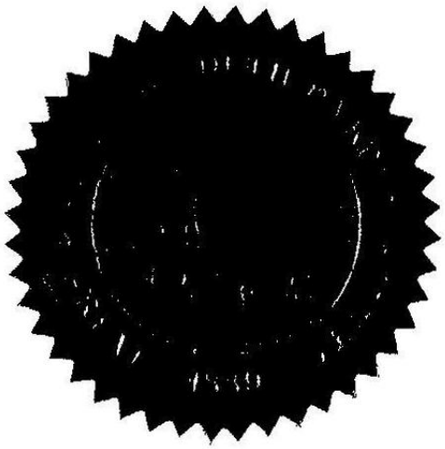
Whereas, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders affect more children each year than Spina Bifida, Down Syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy combined, and its prevalence rate is comparable to that of Autism; and,

Whereas, While the effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are irreversible, it is important to remember that it is 100 percent preventable:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2012, as

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota, in order to promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, to increase compassion for those individuals so affected, to minimize further effects, and to promote healthier communities across South Dakota in the future.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State